



COLUMBIA DOWNTOWN

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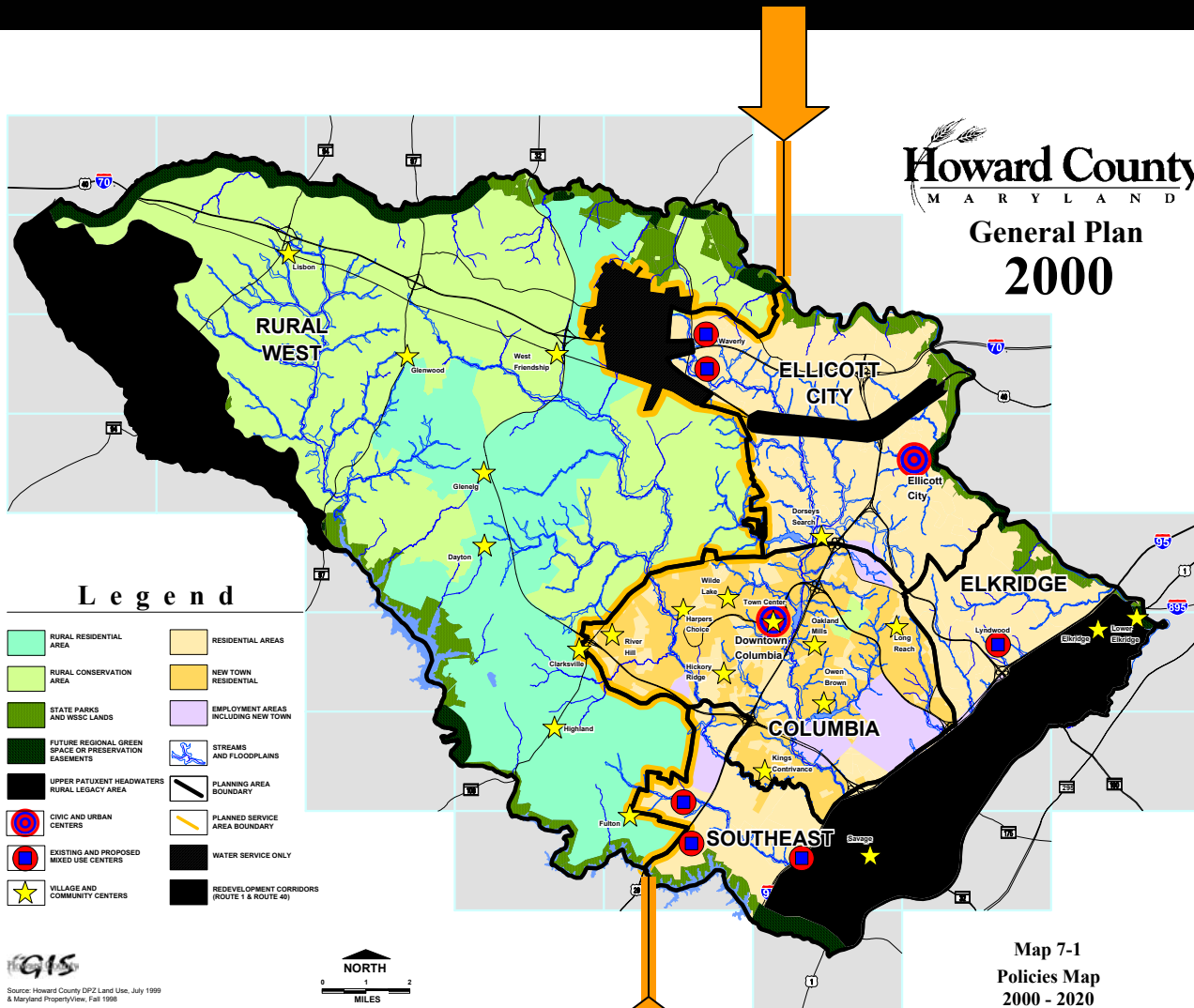
Town Center Village Board
October 25, 2006

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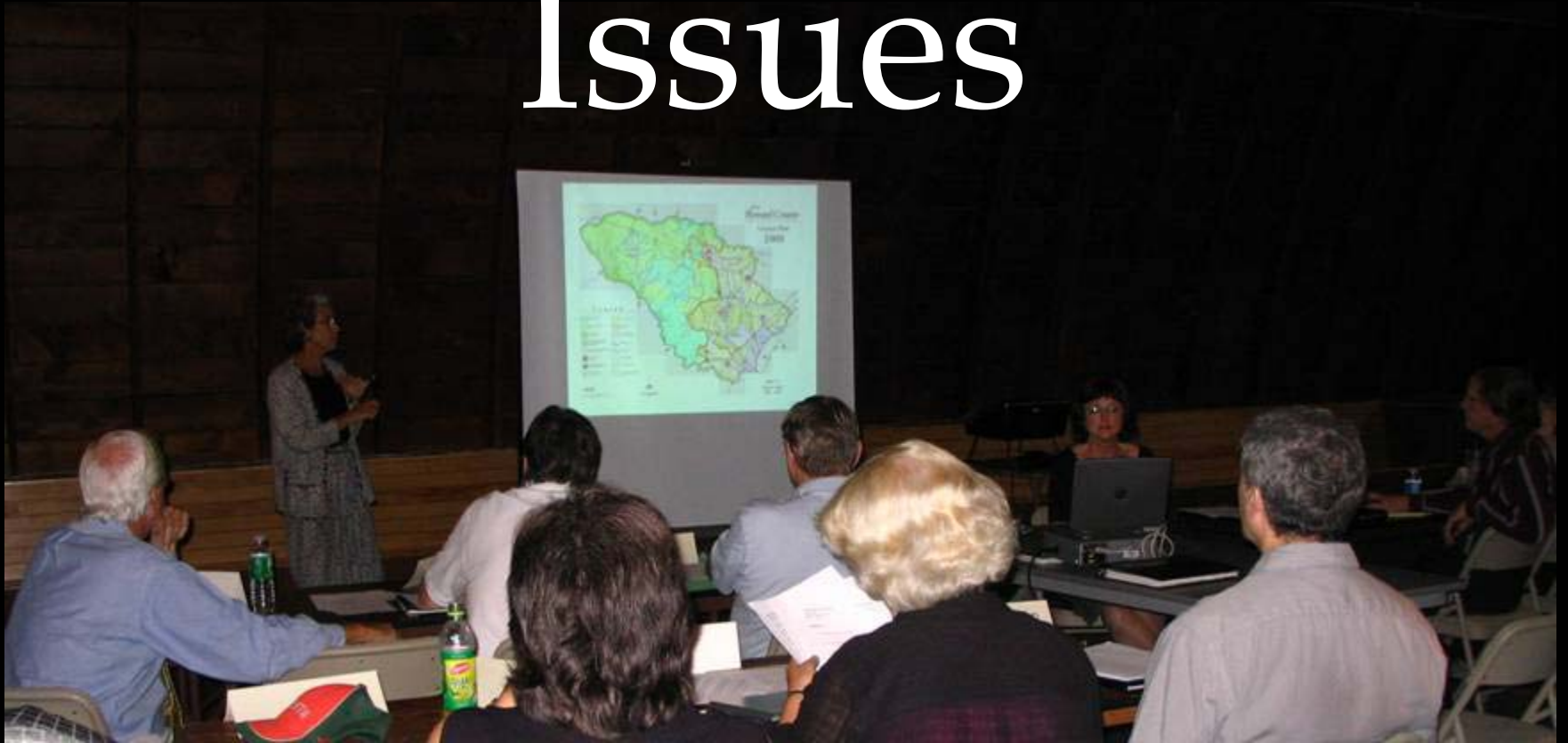
General Plan 2000



Planning Efforts to Date

- GGP Town Meetings
 - May 18, 2005 and June 28, 2005
- DCI & County Charrette
 - October 15 to October 22, 2005
- *CDMP Preliminary Draft* Public Meeting
 - February 27, 2006
- Focus Group Meetings
 - *thru* September 26, 2006

Issues



Focus Group

- Social Values
 - Affordable Housing
 - Inclusiveness
 - Diversity
 - Community
- Scale of Vision Plan
 - Big Picture Visioning
 - Detailed, Specific Plan
- Type of Vibrancy
 - Suburban in Character
 - Urban in Character
- Architectural Approach
 - Unique Sense of Place
 - Style as an Expression

Focus Group

- Social Values
 - Affordable Housing
 - Civic, Cultural and Community Facilities
- Transportation
 - Transit
 - Pedestrians
 - Traffic
- Future Physical Development
 - Building Heights
 - Green Building
 - Architectural Design
 - Lakefront Alternative Design
 - Development Program
 - Open Space/Parks/Plazas
 - Parking Garages
 - Wincopin Street

Focus Group

- Implementation Tools
 - Collaborative Effort
 - Phasing
 - Staging
 - Zoning
 - Monitoring Indices
- Documentation
 - *Preamble*
 - *Revised DPZ Summation*
 - *CDMP Revised Draft*



Questions

TCVB Questions

- The Crescent
 - Currently Envisioned as Later Phase
- Parking Garages
 - Variety of Parking Solutions to Occur
- Traffic Inconveniences
 - Traffic Study does not Quantify
 - Mitigation and Queuing Studies
- City-Style Sidewalks
 - Some Sidewalks 15 feet in Width
- Office Reductions
 - To Reduce PM Peak Hour Traffic Impact

TCVB Questions

- School Projections
 - Slight decrease in Elementary Students
 - Slight increase in Middle & High School
 - New Development yields some demand
- Vibrancy & Density
 - A 'Balancing Act' required for results
 - Range of 3,200 to 5,500 is Proposed
- New Retail
 - Added Retail can be Expected
 - Malls adding Lifestyle Centers
- Walk-ability & Transit
 - BRT and expanded *Howard Transit*
 - Only 4% of Charrette attendees use



Questions



Next Steps

Future Updates



The screenshot shows the Howard County Planning & Zoning website. The header includes the department name, a search bar, and navigation links. A sidebar on the left lists various planning topics. The main content area features a banner for the Columbia Downtown Master Plan, followed by a description of the vision, the last update date, a 'What's New' section with links to fiscal impact studies and alternatives presentations, and a 'Topics You've Asked About' section with links to pedestrian safety and preliminary draft master plans.

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our downtown

a master plan for the future

Columbia Downtown Master Plan

The vision for Downtown Columbia, shaped by a community participation process, imagines a center with a full range of public amenities, social and economic activities in a safe and vibrant setting for a diversity of people. This vision creates a framework for developing the Columbia Downtown Master Plan and will guide Downtown's transformation over the next 30 years.

Last Updated: October 13, 2006

What's New

Fiscal Impact Study
[Fiscal Impact Study Results](#)
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Wincopin Street
[Alternatives Presentation](#) (1.5 MB)
[3-D Schematic Models](#)

[DPZ's Draft Summation of Focus Group Member's Feedback](#)

[Draft Recommendations for Program and Heights](#)

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